The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor

St. Louis, MO 63102



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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Judge Surratt-States,

My husband, Quentin Brown, died of cancer in 1982, after having worked for Eastern Associated Coal Company for over 30 years. He was 57 years old, and was an active miner. Although he had the time in to retire, he chose not to do so.

Just before he died, he told me that his main worry was that he would have to leave me with no one to take care of me. He was speaking about my being alone, <u>not</u> about leaving me with no health insurance, because Eastern Associated had signed a contract to assume that responsibility. My husband felt secure about that part of my future.

I am now 86 years old, and very worried about what may be ahead for me. My monthly income is \$1022.00 from Social Security, and \$462.28 from retirement, for a total of \$1488.28. I have Medicare that takes care of part of my health care, but if these companies involved in this bankruptcy are allowed to get by with shirking their responsibilities toward their loyal workers with whom they signed a contract, we are all in trouble.

Please hold these companies accountable to what they promised us.

Sincerely,

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